REMARKS

Claim 1 was rejected under Section 103 as being unpatentable over Salem taken by itself. However, the office action concedes that Salem does not teach that the extension of the component from the die is less than or equal to 16 mils. Instead, the Examiner suggests that it would be obvious to size the component as desired to fit within the available space. Of course, the problem is that there is no set constraint on the available space. Moreover, those skilled in the art have consistently believed that it is not possible to size these components in the way described herein. Thus, there is no teaching of any rationale to modify the reference to achieve the claimed size.

There is no such thing as a limitation that is obvious per se. The Examiner must cite some teaching that suggests the claimed feature. There is currently no teaching which suggests the claimed feature. Therefore, the obviousness rejection does not rise to the level of a *prima facie* rejection. As a result, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims is respectfully requested. Under the same analysis, claim 17 and its dependent claims should also be in condition for allowance.

Claims 10 and 24 have been amended to call for a passive component that is an inductor. Since a dependent claim 10 to an inductor was indicated to be allowable, claims 10 and 24 as amended should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of these remarks, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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